a scheme for the supply of water for the place. Some such scheme suitable to the place might be worked out in due course. In the meanwhile the immediate requirements of the people could be met by sinking wells on either side of the proposed Ochira-Srimulamadhavapuram market road, and by making arrangements for taking water from these wells in barrels to reservoirs at the end of the road, from which the people could draw the necessary water.

The following steps should be taken for keeping sanitation in the Ochira temple premises during Ochira kali and the Thrikarthika utsavam :—

(*a*) the tanks and wells in the temple premises should be drained and cleaned and arrangements should be made for keeping them clean ;

(*b*) general sanitary arrangements should be made during the festivals ;

(*c*) lepers and other disease-stricken persons should be kept off from the temple premises ;

(*d*) the Dewan Peishkar should be instructed not to issue licenses to shop keepers to open shops in the midst of the *Bhajanakudils*.

The transfer of the Munsiff's court from Krishnapuram to Kayancolam had caused great inconvenience to the people. In future when Government made any redistribution of the territorial jurisdiction of courts they should consider this fact also.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. K. Velayudha Panikkan, as regards the roads that you dealt with in your representation, they will have to await consideration until the constitution of the Road Board.

With reference to the restoration of tanks, I shall ask the Chief Engineer to take necessary steps for their repair as early as possible.

I have heard that there is water scarcity at Azhikkal and I shall ask the Dewan Peishkar and the Chief Engineer to go and inspect the place and see what can be done in the matter.

The other matters that you made mention of in your representation will be enquired into and what is possible will be done.

104. Needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

MR. K. G. THOMAS (*Member, Mavelikara taluk*) dealt with the following needs of the Mavelikara taluk :—

A bridge should be constructed at the place called Kollakadavu. There was a boat and a junghar at the place now. But in the rainy season the boat and the junghar could come only as far as 10 feet away from the river bank. People had therefore to wade through the water for this distance. This had proved very dangerous. Two or three lives were lost here every year. Several motor cars had also had accidents in crossing the river at this place. Such dangers could be averted only by the provision of a bridge.

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A road should be constructed connecting the Pallikal-Punnamudu road and the Mavelikara-Kuttitheruvu road. The people of the locality were unable to open the road at their own cost as the gravel and metal necessary for this had to be brought from places 4 miles away.

The Pallikal canal should be deepened and the bed of the canal should be placed on a lower level than the paddy fields on either side. At present the canal was on a higher level and the fields on a lower level. No cultivation, whether *virippu*, or *punja*, was thus possible in the fields. The area of the fields was 5000 paras. This big area could be made cultivable by the deepening of the canal.

A District Court should be established at Mavelikara. A site had already been acquired for putting up a court building, but this was lying waste. A building should be put up there and the District Court should be housed in that building.

The Nooranad Sub-registry office should be shifted to Mavelikara, or in the alternative, a new Sub-registry office should be established at a place midway between Mavelikara, Nooranad and Kayancolam. About 8000 documents were being registered every year from Mavelikara, whereas the number from Nooranad was only 3000. Nooranad was by no means a place fitted to have a Sub-registry office. Even water could not be got there to quench a man's thirst.

The non-departmental Anchal Office at Olakettiyampalam should be housed in a Sirkar building. It was now held in a private building. The rent for the building was Rs. 8 per mensem. But the people were unable to pay the rent. The income from the office was Rs. 40 per mensem out of which the expenditure would come only to Rs. 16. Government should therefore put up a building for housing the office or transfer a site for the purpose to the public. In the latter case they were ready to put up the building.

A Vishavaidyasala should be established at the place. Mavelikara abounded in screw-pine and screw-pine groves were the favourite abodes of venomous snakes. Every month some 10 or 12 deaths occurred from snake-bites.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Thomas, an estimate has been received for a bridge at Kollakadavu. It is, I think, about 2 furlongs from Chengannur. Some discrepancy is noticed in the estimate and it has been sent back for revision.

I do not see whether there is any necessity to open a road to connect the Pallikal-Punnamudu road and the Mavelikara-Kuttitheruvu road. It is only a mile to the south that there is the Mavelikara-Adoor road.

MEMBER: No, Sir.

DEWAN: That is what the report says.

MEMBER: The reports always make such mistakes. It has been written in Government records themselves that it is six miles from Adur.

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DEWAN: The Kayankulam road meets this road about a mile to the south of it.

MEMBER: The Engineering Department has itself stated that it is six miles to the south.

DEWAN: The Engineering Department has itself written that it is a mile to the south. The Public Works Department says that the distance is one mile and you say that it is six miles.

MEMBER: The Government must send back the report and get another.

DEWAN: It would be better to get a large scale map and find out myself how many miles it is distant.

MEMBER: Yes, Sir.

DEWAN: Then, as regards the deepening of the Pallikal todu an estimate has been prepared and it is now being revised.

As for the District Court at Mavelikara, there are not enough cases at Mavelikara to justify the creation of a court there. Anyhow the question will be included in the scope of the investigations by the agency that will deal with the re-distribution of jurisdiction of courts throughout the State.

The question of Sub-Registry offices had only recently been taken up and considered. The urgency here is not so great as in other places. We take up one after another, year by year, in the order of urgency. So this will stand over till its turn comes.

The Anchal Superintendent has already taken up the question of converting the non-departmental office at Olakettiambalam into a departmental office and I do not think there will be any delay.

MEMBER: Thank you, Sir.

DEWAN: As regards the Vishavaidyasala at Thekkekara why not cut away all the screwpines and get rid of the snakes? I shall ask the Director of Ayurveda if he can give you a grant-in-aid Vaidyasala.

105. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. K. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Member, Tiruvalla taluk, Group I*) said that the Government English Middle School for Girls, Tiruvalla, should be raised to the High School grade. As there were two Malayalam Middle Schools, a High School and several primary schools for girls in the place, the number of girls coming to the English school was sure to be on the increase. There were already two Mission High Schools for girls at Tiruvalla, but these were conducted on the residential system and were situated far away from the town. The need for an English High School situated at a convenient place in the town was therefore very imperative.

The girls' school at Mathilbhagom should be rebuilt and it should be converted into an Anglo-Vernacular school. The present building was about 50 years old. Its walls were only 6 feet high and 70 feet long. There was not sufficient ventilation in the building. The building therefore stood badly in need of re-construction. The classes in the

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